

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 522

By Beck

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Randy Travis upon his thirty-fifth anniversary as a member of the Grand Ole Opry.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should recognize those gifted artists who have experienced great success in the world of country music; and

WHEREAS, Randy Travis, one of the most legendary and beloved artists in the history of country music, will celebrate his thirty-fifth anniversary as a member of the Grand Ole Opry on August 10, 2021; and

WHEREAS, a native of Marshville, North Carolina, Mr. Travis, born Randy Traywick, found his calling as a teenager when he won a talent contest and earned a regular gig performing at the popular Charlotte night club, Country City USA; and

WHEREAS, he later moved to Nashville to pursue a career in country music and auspiciously landed at the Nashville Palace, where he cooked catfish, washed dishes, and performed; using the short-lived stage name Randy Ray, he released *Live at the Nashville Palace*; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Travis signed with Warner Bros. Records in 1985, and the following year, under his current moniker, he released *Storms of Life*, a landmark country album that sold more than four million copies, won the Academy of Country Music's Album of the Year award, and spawned such hits as "On the Other Hand"; and

WHEREAS, he has also found success in the gospel world, recording four highly acclaimed inspirational albums and earning seven Dove awards, including Country Recorded Song of the Year for "Three Wooden Crosses," which was also named the Country Music Association's Song of the Year in 2003; and

WHEREAS, Randy Travis was inducted into the Grand Ole Opry on December 20, 1986; he has been lauded for his striking baritone and for injecting much-needed traditionalism into the genre at a critical time; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his accomplishments in music, he has found success in acting, appearing in television shows such as *Touched by an Angel* and numerous films, including *Black Dog* with Patrick Swayze and *The Rainmaker* with Matt Damon; and

WHEREAS, his long list of accolades includes six CMA awards, ten AMA awards, nine ACMs, six Grammys, and a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame; and

WHEREAS, it is the dream of every country music artist to be a member of the Grand Ole Opry and perform on the stage of the Grand Ole Opry House, and it is most fitting that Randy Travis be recognized on this special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and recognize Randy Travis upon his thirty-fifth anniversary as a member of the Grand Ole Opry, commend his illustrious career in country music, and extend to him our best wishes for every continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.